

TROUTVILLE Tidbits



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Troutville TOWN NEWS

Strategic Planning Effort Continues to Move Forward

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The public input session on October 15, 2009 was a huge success. There were 47 people in attendance to contribute their thoughts as they related to the goals of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. There were two rounds of voting opportunities to help identify the key themes that were previously expressed in a brainstorming session for each goal area.

Key stakeholders returned in the month of November for two work sessions to determine the key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the town. They also completed an asset inventory survey to help compile additional information to assist with the creation of the strategic plan. The following "raw" and high level information was compiled:

Goal 1: Improve the Quality of Life

- #1: Parking, traffic calming, bike lane, cross walks, infrastructure-water, sidewalks-hiking.
- #2: Maintain/upgrade existing structures, institutions and landscaping (e.g. Masonic lodge, cemetery etc).
- #3: Holiday festivities - tree lighting, picnic, etc.; Town to purchase the Old School House for a community center, library/youth center, tennis program, gym and senior center.

Goal 2: Economic Growth

- #1: Central Parking, streetscapes, lighting, walk ability, greenways.
- #2: Diner/Breakfast Place, small shops, retail shops, art studios, available real estate (School House).
- #3: Clean up of the lower end of the town and zoning enforcement.

Goal 3: Town to Become a Destination; Branding and Town Identity

- #1: Parking, landscaping, traffic calming, purchase Old School House for recreation center.
- #2: Code enforcement (Junk Cars).
- #3: Appalachian Trail extension to the center of the town.

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**JUST IN TIME FOR
VALENTINES DAY!!**

A "SWEET" SALE

Brought to you by Friends of the Park.

Troutville Town Hall
Friday, February 12th
12 noon - 6:00p.m.

Homemade chocolate eclairs, cupid cheesecakes, sweetheart cupcakes and more!

Eat in or take to your Valentine. Prices start at \$1.00. ALL proceeds go to the Troutville Town Park.

For more information, call 819-6335.

HAVE YOU MET TROUTVILLE'S NEW TOWN CLERK?

In case you haven't heard, Troutville has a new Town Clerk - Donna Thompson Hinton. Donna grew up in Eagle Rock and graduated from James River High School and National Business College; she also attended Hollins University.

Donna has three sons - Jimmy Jr., Marcus and Joshua Thompson - and is the proud grandmother of three beautiful young ladies - Nylesha, Kailana and Jaylen. Donna worked for the County of Botetourt and City of Roanoke prior to moving to South Carolina in July 2007. She recently returned to the area and is very happy to be back home.

Welcome Donna!!!

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